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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: EGEN, GW
SUBJ: THE SUMMIT

1. DURING CONVERSATION WITH ECON/COMM. MINISTER ON FEB. 8, DIETER HISS, IN CHARGE OF ECONOMIC MATTERS IN THE CHANCELLERY, CONFIRMED GERMAN AGREEMENT TO POSTPONEMENT OF THE CIEC MINISTERIAL UNTIL AFTER THE SUMMIT. HE SAID HE DID NOT KNOW EXACTLY WHAT THE AMERICAN ATTITUDE WAS ON THE QUESTION, BUT HE HAD THE IMPRESSION THAT WE HAD NO STRONG OPINIONS ON THE MATTER.

2. ON THE QUESTION OF AGENDA, HISS SEEMED SOMEWHAT RELAXED. HE WAS AWARE OF THE FRENCH PROBLEMS WITH THE AGENDA, BUT HE THOUGHT THAT MUCH OF THE PROBLEM WAS ONE OF SEMANTICS. IT WAS VERY DIFFICULT TO
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SEPARATE HERMETICALLY WHAT WAS AN ECONOMIC AND WHAT WAS A POLITICAL OR SECURITY MATTER. ON THAT BASIS, HE THOUGHT ALMOST ANYTHING COULD BE DISCUSSED UNDER EITHER KIND OF RUBRIC.

3. HISS CITED THE NEED FOR CAREFUL PREPARATIONS AND WONDERED EXACTLY HOW THIS WAS GOING TO BE DONE. FOR

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EXAMPLE, WERE BRITISH TO BE CHARGED WITH PREPARATION?
HE THOUGHT THAT AS IN THE PAST, STATE SECRETARY POEHL
OF THE FINANCE MINISTRY WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE
INITIAL GERMAN CONTACTS, BUT HE "PRESUMED" THAT THE
FOREIGN MINISTRY WOULD ENTER INTO THE EQUATION FURTHER
DOWN THE ROAD.
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